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National Research Institute

* 647 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the National Research Institute requested the Government to give space to locate the Institute in this State itself, before it was shifted to Hyderabad; and

(*b*) the reason for refusing space for this Institute ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to the Nutrition Research Laboratory. The Secretary, Indian Council of Medical Research, asked for information regarding the availability of a suitable site in Madras for the location of the Laboratory.

(*b*) Space was not refused. In fact the availability of a number of premises in the City was notified to the Government of India and the Indian Council of Medical Research for their consideration.

Regional language as medium of instruction

* 648 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are watching the progress of the college or colleges in which the regional language has been introduced as medium of instruction;

(*b*) if so, the nature of the progress;

(*c*) whether any text-books in subjects like History, Economics, Logic, Philosophy and the like have been published; and

(*d*) if not, the steps taken by the Government to bring out those text-books for the guidance of the students ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) The Regional Language has not been introduced as medium of instruction so far in any of the colleges in this State. It is proposed to be introduced in Government Arts College, Coimbatore, in 1960-61 in the first year of the three year B.A. Degree classes.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The progress reports [a] on the work of the College Tamil Committee submitted by its Chairman (Sri G. R. Damodaran) which meet the points raised are placed on the table of the House for information.

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI: Sir, in the report it is stated, 'The Committee hoped that it would be possible to bring out the books by the beginning of May at the earliest and not later than middle of June at the latest, depending upon the time taken for getting the consent of the foreign publishers for translating the various books.' Sir, may I know whether any books have been made ready for the coming academic year, as the month is fast approaching ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, it is already stated that it would be ready by the month of May. Some of the books are already ready.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 308–336 infra.